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Education

- 2005 M.A. in Fine Art and Theory, Middlesex University, London, U.K.
- 2002 Drop out of M.F.A. in Photography, ChungAng University, Seoul, Korea
- 2000 B.F.A. in Photography, ChungAng University, Seoul, Korea

Selected Solo Exhibitions

- 2016 Korea Artist Prize 2016, National Museum of Modern and Contemporary Art, Seoul, Korea
- 2015 Walking on the Line, Centre A, Vancouver, Canada
Photographs 2001-2015 by Seung Woo Back, Goeun Museum of Photography, Busan, Korea

- 2012 Gaps, Unrealistic Generals, Gana Art Center, Seoul, Korea
Memento, Doosan Gallery New York, New York, U.S.A
- 2011 Deferred Judgement, Art Sonje Center, Seoul, Korea
Blow Up, Misashin Gallery, Tokyo, Japan
- 2010 <Utopia / Blow Up>, Ilwoo Space, Seoul, Korea
- 2009 Revised Ideal, Gana Art New York, New York, U.S.A
- 2007 Real World, Insa Art Space, Seoul, Korea
Real World, Foil Gallery, Tokyo, Japan
- 2006 Blow up, Gana Beaubourg Gallery, Paris, France

Selected Group Exhibitions

- 2016 Seoul Focus, Seoul Museum of Art, Seoul, Korea
Photo - Five Rooms, DOOSAN Gallery Seoul, Seoul, Korea
Public to Private: Photography in Korean Art Since 1989, National Museum of Modern and Contemporary Art, Seoul, Korea
- 2015 Dislocation, Smith college Museum of Art, MA, USA
Seoul vite vite, Lille 3000, Lille, France
Lies of Lies, Total Museum of Contemporary Art, Seoul, Korea
Uproarious, Heated, Inundated, National Museum of Modern and Contemporary Art, Seoul, Korea
North Korean Perspectives, Drent Museum, Assen, Netherlands
North Korean Perspectives, Museum of Contemporary Chicago, Chicago, USA
- 2014 The Third Print, Total Museum of Contemporary Art, Seoul, Korea
Seoul Photo Festival 2014 <From Kyung sung to Seoul>, Seoul Museum of History, Seoul, Korea
Photography and Media - 4:00 AM, Seoul Museum of Art, Seoul, Korea
Five Views of the Korean Peninsula, noorderlicht gallery, Groningen, Netherlands
- 2013 Photography and Society - reflecting on the society, Daejeon Museum of Art, Daejeon, Korea
Relativity in City, Total Museum of Contemporary Art, Seoul, Korea
Birth of a Museum: The MMCA Construction Archive Project, National Museum of Modern and Contemporary Art, Seoul, Korea
- 2012 Re-Opening DOOSAN Gallery Seoul, DOOSAN Gallery, Seoul, Korea
More Real? Art in the Age of Truthiness, Minneapolis Institute of Art Museum, Minneapolis, U.S.A
Real & Illusion, Seoul Auction, Seoul, Korea
- 2011 2011 Seoul Photo Festival, Seoul Museum of Art, Seoul, Korea
The 8th Juan Media Festival 2011, Juan station Square, Incheon, Korea
- 2010 PHOS+GRAPHOS, Gana Art Center, Seoul, Korea
Dreamland, Pompidou Center, Paris, France
The View of Korean Contemporary Photography, National Taiwan Museum of Fine Arts, Taiwan

- On the line, Daelim Contemporary Art Museum, Seoul, Korea
 Man Ray & His Heritage, Seoul Museum of art, Seoul; Jeju Museum of art, Jeju, Korea
- 2009 Chaotic Harmony, The Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, U.S.A.
 The 9th Photo Festival: What is Real?, Gana Art Center, Seoul
 Platform 2009, KIMUSA, Seoul, Korea
 Photography for Reading and Photography for Feeling, Seoul Museum of Art, Seoul, Korea
 Photography Now: China, Japan and Korea, San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, San Francisco, U.S.A.
- 2008 39(2), Art sonje Center, Seoul, Korea
 The Bridge, Gana Art Center, Seoul, Korea
 Real Illusions - Young Korean Artists, Gana Art New York, New York, U.S.A.
 Untitled, Bauhaus, Berlin, German
 Korean Contemporary Art, Cite Internationale Arts, Paris, France
 Discovery Show, Fotofest, Houston, U.S.A.
 Let a Thousand Flowers Blossom, Insa Art Center, Seoul, Korea
- 2007 Dream Walk, Seoul Museum of Art, Seoul, Korea
 Up and Comers, Kumho Museum of Art, Seoul, Korea
 Landscape of Korean Contemporary Photography, Seoul Museum of Art, Seoul, Korea
- 2006 Documentary, Contemporary Art Space, London, U.K.
British Contemporary Art, Gana Art Center, Seoul, Korea
Wondering Stars, Gana Art Center, Seoul, Korea
 Crossover, Contrast Gallery, Shanghai, China
 "Verismlittude", A drawing project, Wimbledon School of Art, London, U.K.
 Blow up, One Small Step Gallery, London, U.K.
- 2005 Transit, Seoul Photo Triennale, Seoul Museum of Art, Seoul, Korea
 Landscape, Photo Festival, Gana Art Center, Seoul, Korea
 Untitled Nation, Gana Beaubourg Gallery, Paris, France
 Photo London, Royal Academy, London, U.K.
 Untitled, Museum of Domestic Architecture, London, U.K.
- 2004 The Six, Vertigo Gallery, London, U.K.
 <13>, Ecology Center, London, U.K.
- 2002 Healing Society, Kwang hwa moon Gallery, Seoul, Korea
 Speed, ChungAng Art Center, Seoul, Korea
 MBC Photo Essay Photo Director, MBC Broadcast Center, Seoul, Korea
- 2001 Photographic Critic, PHAK Gallery, Seoul, Korea
- 2000 In the Room, Chung Ang Art Center, Seoul, Korea
 ChungAng Photo Festival, Chung Ang Art Center, Seoul, Korea

Award & Project

- 2016 The Artist of the year, National Museum of Modern and Contemporary Art, Seoul, Korea
- 2009 Prix Pictec 2009, Award nominated, England & Switzerland
 The first Ilwoo Photography Award, Seoul, Korea
- 2008 Discovery Show, Fotofest, Houston, U.S.A.
 KLM Paul Huf Award nominated, Foam Fotografiemuseum, Amsterdam, Netherlands
 Leopold Godowsky, Jr. Color Photography Awards honorable Mention, Photographic Resource Center at Boston University , Boston, U.S.A.
 This Photo is Great, 2008 Asahi Press, Japan
- 2006 Six Shooting Stars: BJP, London, U.K.
- 2005 One of Best Portfolio; Bratislava Photo Festival, Bratislava, Slovak Republic
- 2004 A Drawing Project: Wimbledon School of Art, London, U.K.
- 2001 The Third Grand Prize: Sajin Bipyong, Time Space, Seoul, Korea

Collections

Museum of Contemporary Photography, Chicago, U.S.A
National Museum of Contemporary Art, Korea, Gwacheon, Gyeonggido, Korea
Seoul Museum of Art, Seoul, Korea
Daegu Art Museum, Daegu, Korea
Artsonje Center, Seoul, Korea
Portfolio foundation, Edinburg, England, U.K
Houston Museum of Fine Art, Houston, U.S.A
Gana Foundation for Arts and Culture, Seoul, Korea
Doosan Yonkang Foundation, Seoul, Korea
Nexon Korea Collection, Seoul, Korea
Maeil Daries Collection, Seoul, Korea
Ilwoo Foundation, Seoul, Korea
Santa Barbara Museum of Art, Santa Barbara, U.S.A
San Francisco Museum of Modern Art (SF MOMA), San Francisco, U.S.A
Michael G. Wilson collection, London, U.K
Smith College Museum of Art, Massachusetts, U.S
Kumho Museum, Seoul, Korea
Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sidney, Australia